GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINES
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CLOSURE OF MINES
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Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of mines closed down in the country during the last three years;

(b) the number of workers rendered jobless as a result thereof, mine-wise;

(c) whether the Government propose to revive these mines;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the steps taken to provide alternative employment to these workers?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI JAYSINGRAO GAIKWAD PATIL)

(a) & (b): Industrial undertakings including mines are closed under Section25-O of the Industrial Disputes Act, 1947 which is administered by the Ministry of Labour. As per information avaiilable with Labour Bureau, Ministry ofLabour, the number of mines closed down during the last three years and the number of workers affected are as follows:-

YEAR	NUMBER OF MINES CLOSED	NUMBER OF WORKERS AFFECTED
1998	1	9
1999(P)	1	21
2000(P)	3	340

(P) - Provisional

(c)to (e): Mining is a depleting industry and mines need to be closed when extraction of minerals become unviable. However, where closure is due to lack of demand it is felt that steps taken to liberalise the economy and increase in industrial production would result in increased demand for minerals and make the mines viable.